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Child Labour

81. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level meeting of the States concerned has been convened to evolve the modalities for elimination of child labour and to provide them with a better quality of life as directed by the Supreme Court on May 2, 1997;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the follow up steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in their judgement dated 21st February, 1997 in Writ Petition Civil No. 12125/84 and 11643/85—Bandhua Mukti Morcha etc. (Petitioner) Vs. UOI & Ors (Respondents) had directed Government to convene a meeting of the concerned Ministers of the respective State Governments and their Principal Secretaries holding concerned Departments to evolve a principle of policy for progressive climination of employment of children below the age of 14 years in all the employments governed by the respective enactments mentioned in M.C. Mehta's case and to evolve such steps consistent with the scheme laid down in M.C. Mehta's case. The directions of the Supreme Court was considered in the State Labour Ministers Conference convened on 7-8th July, 1997. In the Conference, the progress in the implementation of the directions given by the Supreme Court in the M.C. Mehta's case was reviewed. First phase of the survey has been conducted by the most of the State. The State Governments also reaffirmed their commitment for expeditious implementation of the directions in light of the latest judgement in the Bandhua Mukti Morcha case.

The Writ Petition No. 12125/84/—Bandhua Mukti Morcha V/s UOI—was again listed for hearing on 2nd May, 1997. However, it was not taken up by the Court as the case was deleted from the list by the Registry.

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Visit by Foreign Ambassadors to Kashmir

82. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BENDA CHAUDHARY

SHRI PARSARAM BHARDWAJ:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government accords permission to all foreign ambassadors to visit Kashmir each year;

(b) if so, whether UNO or any other agency has advised Government to allow all foreign ambassadors to go to Kashmir; and

(c) if so, the details of the policy being followed by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) to (c) Government place no restriction on the travel of diplomats including Heads of Missions to any part of India including Jammu & Kashmir.

Labour Potential

83. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have estimated total labour potential available in the country before formulating Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the total number thereof in organised as well as in unorganised sectors, separately;

(c) whether most of the labourers in unorganised sector are engaged in agriculture sector;

(d) if so, the details of other major sectors where unorganised labourers are engaged and the estimated numbr thereof; and

(e) the details of average daily wages of labourers in each sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Labour force projections are available for economy as a whole Labour force, at the beginning of the Ninth Five Year Plan was estimated to be 354 million

(c) and (d) As per the 50th Round of National Sample Survey conducted during 1993-94, the estimates of the industrial distribution of total employment was as given in Statement-I attached.

(e) Average daily wage rates (absolute) by industry and stratum during the year 1992 are given in the Statement-II attached.

Statement-I

Estimated Industrial Sector-wise Employment (UPS) 1993-94

	Industry	Employment (Million)
1	2	3
1.	Agriculture and Allied	207.83
2.	Mining & Quarrying	2.69
3.	Manufacturing	35.62

1	2	3
4.	Electricity, Gas & Water Supply	1.33
5.	Construction	11.52
6.	Wholesale and Retail Trade	26.36
7.	Transport, Storage & Communication	10.19
8.	Finance, Real Estate Insurance and Business services.	3.32
9.	Community, Social and Personal services	33.13
	Total:	332.00

Source: NSSO (50th round-1993-94); key results.

Note. UPS means Usual Principal Status of workers.

Statement-II

Average daily wage rates (absolute) by industry & stratum during 1992

Sl. No.	Industry/Stratrum	1992
1	2	3
1	Cotton Textiles	62.88
	(i) Ahmedabad	76.04
	(ii) Bangalore	68.54
	(iii) Bombay & its suburbs	83.42
	(iv) Coimbatore	81.91
	(v) Howrah & Calcutta	54.54
	(vi) Indore	51.50
	(vii) Kanpur	60.38
	(viii) Nagpur	57.16
	(ix) Residual	54.58
2	Cement	79.14
3	Cigarette Factories	71.49
4	Hydrogenated Oil	72.73
5	Jute Textiles	64.92
	(i) West Bengal	65.14
	(ii) Residual	64.19
6	Manufacturing of Electrical Machinery	93.95
7	Match Factories	43.08
8	Paper & Paper Products	67.72
9	Railway Workshops	89.81
10.	Smelting and Refining of Metal (including Iron & Steel)	91.22
11.	Soap Factories	73.39
12.	Sugar	66.81
	(i) Bihar	67.93
	(ii) Uttar Pradesh	65.41
	(iii) Residual	69.36
13.	*Silk Textiles	54.84
	(i) Surat	56.28
	(ii) J&K	N.A
	(iii) Amritsar	56.41
	(iv) Bhiwandi	54.64
	(v) Bangalore	39.81
	(vi) Bombay & its Suburbs	67.71
	(vii) Residual	54.14
14.	Woollen Textiles	59.39
15.	Coal Mines	82.72
16.	Iron Ore Mines	48.46
17	Manganese Mines	42.65
18.	Mica Mines	29.59
19	Coffee Plantations	22.83
20.	Rubber Plantations	35.52
21	Tea Plantations	20.44
	(i) South India	28.56
	(ii) North East India	18.56

N.A-Not Available

*Industries from Sl. No. 13 to 21 were added in 1976.

Source: Ministry of Labour Annual Report 1996-97

Haj Pilgrimage

84. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian pilgrims who have visited Mecca, religious places in Pakistan and Tibet area of China during last three years;

(b) the amount spent on these pilgrims during the above period;